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3. WHILE DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PROVIDING FORCES TO PROTECT THE FLANKS THE CG DOES NOT IMPLY A SHIFT IN US STRATEGY FOR NORWEGIAN DEFENSE, AND CONFIRMS OUR LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO DEFEND THE NORTHERN FLANK. CONTRARY TO PRESS ALLEGATIONS, THE USE OF CARRIER TASK GROUPS IN THE NORWEGIAN SEA, HAS NOT BEEN RULED OUT. IN ADDITION, THE CG DIRECTS THE INITIATION OF EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY MEANS TO STRENGTHEN OUR CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE FLANKS.

4. THE DRAFT CG DOES NOT EXCLUDE A NAVY ROLE IN DEFENDING THE FLANKS. THE EXTENT OF NAVAL PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENSE OF THE FLANKS AND THE SPECIFIC MEANS TO BE PROGRAMMED FOR NAVY, HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF LIVELY DEBATE. THE DEBATE HAS NOT ERRODED IN ANY WAY OUR BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES, NOR HAS IT AFFECTED OUR COMMITMENT TO NATO, WHICH WILL REMAIN OUR HIGHEST OVERSEAS DEFENSE PRIORITY.

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